

## NO FAIR NEXT FALL.

This Seems Likely From the Way Things Are Turning.

## A NEW ORGANIZATION STARTS

Composed of the Fine Stock Breeders of Kansas Who Will take the State Fair to the Town That Puts Up Most.

A movement has been started to organize a new state fair association, which will leave the association of which Mr. L. M. Crawford is general manager, "out in the cold."

During the recent conventions of poultry, swine and live stock breeders' associations which were held in Topeka, the advisability of organizing a state fair association of which the various agricultural societies over the state should be the backers, was discussed in all its phases.

It was decided to appoint a state central committee the members of which are to form an organization and ascertain in their several districts what steps can be taken to make the organization a success, and then to form a state fair association in time.

J. V. Bandoloff of Emporia, has been appointed to represent the Swine Breeders' association; Judge W. B. Samson of Russell, the stock breeders; T. M. Potter of Peabody, the State Agricultural society; and J. P. Lucas of Topeka, the Poultry Breeders' association.

The differences between Manager L. M. Crawford and the directors of the present State Fair association, and the prevailing impression that unless reorganization is perfected there will be no state fair next year, has led to the steps for the forming of a new organization.

The directors of the old association, who are opposed to the methods of Manager Crawford, have been in consultation with the projectors of the new organization, and they say the only thing standing in the way of having a state fair held at Topeka under entirely different auspices, is the fact that Mr. Crawford has a lease on the fair grounds which can probably only be annulled through the courts. The new plan, however, provides that the fair shall be held at the town which shall put up the most money.

Manager Crawford, in speaking of the proposed new association this afternoon, said that the fair would probably not be held in Topeka if the town had to put up anything to get it.

## MR. EMBREE'S REMARKS.

**He Comments on Mr. Marshall's Article in the "State Journal."**

To the Editor of the State Journal.

DEAR Sir.—In reply to Mr. Marshall I would like to say that the meetings of the Topeka Ministerial union are private.

On last Monday morning a reporter for the JOURNAL appeared and asked to stay. There was no objection. Being seated in an adjoining room he did not have many numbers, the work in the seats taken from "Fra Diavolo," was especially due.

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## RECORDS BROKEN.

In the Sale of Seats for the Davenport Engagement.

Topeka broke all previous records on the advance sale of seats for a theatrical engagement this morning, and all day there has been a rush for tickets for the Fanny Davenport engagement.

The sale opened at 8 o'clock and at 10 o'clock about \$1,300 had been paid for seats. The probabilities are that there will be very few left by next week, and the three performances will be played to "standing room only."

It was about 8 o'clock when the crowd began to gather at Sims' drug store this morning and a line was formed as early as that time, but it had to be abandoned as soon as the room began to be crowded, because complaints of losing places were made. Tickets were given out at the door with numbers upon them. These numbers were called out so that those holding them could come forward and collect their seats.

About 130 of these tickets were given out. No one in the line bought less than four, and the most of them bought at least eight or ten tickets. Several of these bunches are for theater parties, and it is believed no speculators secured tickets. There were a number of ladies not been realized.

The first tickets sold were taken from the front row in the balcony, and at 9:30 hardly a seat remained in that part of the house for Monday night.

Seats were sold for the three nights, but the Monday night sale was double that of any other.

The distance of Miles did away with the scramble for place as is usually the case in the advance sale of seats for any popular engagement.

A large number of people from neighboring cities have already sent in orders for seats, and there will be parties here from Atchison, Hinton, Horton, Osage City, Valley Falls and Burlingame.

The same carpenters will arrive in the city tomorrow with two car loads of scenery for the "Monte Cristo" production, and the next few days at the Grand will be busy ones.

**Coming Attractions.**

Tomorrow evening at the Grand, Milton and Dolly Nobles will present the Phoenix.

The play has been considerably improved, it is reported, since its last production in this city. It is twenty years old, but always seems to be popular.

Charles Dickson will be here on the 25th, presenting his new play "Admitted to the Bar."

James O'Neill in "Monte Cristo" is the attraction for the 27th.

## THE OPERA OF "NANON".

Gives in a Pleasing Manner at the Grand Last Night.

W. T. Carlton's voice was never better than it was last night and his solo work in "Nanon" was excellent.

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## WILL CARLETON'S MASCOT.

He Made a Hit With Kansas City Police-man and Wife.

Mr. Carlton since his week's engagement at Kansas City has a new mascot and it is in the form of a brass button with the word "Police" upon it. Mr. Carlton says he is sure it will prove a mascot until he is enthusiastic over it. The button is suspended on one end of his watch chain. He tells how he obtained it. "A few evenings ago I was standing in the corridor of the Hotel after one of my performances in Kansas City when a policeman by the name of Dunday entered the hotel and I asked him where he came from."

"From England," said he.

"My native land," replied Carlton.

"That's so, and did you know Thanksgiving?" asked Dunday.

"Through his writings only."

"Well," said Dunday, "when I was in England three years ago Mr. Thackeray invited me to his home, and I had a grand time there."

"Not three years ago, because he must have been dead thirty years," said Carlton.

"Well, I guess not, and I'll bet you my overcoat against \$20 that he hasn't been dead that long."

So Carlton took the bet and won it, and the next evening the policeman came around with the coat.

"I do not like the man that didn't pay his bets, but I'm glad the poor Thackeray for another one. So here's your coat."

"Well, my honest man," replied Carlton,

"you give me a button from off the coat, and promise you won't have another one put in its place, and you can keep the coat. It was agreed, and that's how I came by my mascot."

## SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Fanny Davenport plays tonight at Colorado Springs.

Mal & O'Donnell have issued a new pocket memorandum that is a beauty.

The wind blows from the southwest today. The "terrible blizzard" is over.

A. L. Williams and Archie Williams are expected home this week from their Homelind trip.

Reverend Wilson of the Santa Fe, says he doesn't like the news fairly and fully.

The doings of the ministers at the meeting of the association news and news of great interest to thousands of readers.

The utmost pains is taken to get it right, and in order to do this, the reporter reads his quotations or a minister's remarks to the minister himself for correction.

Much matter, which it is not desirable to publish, is withheld at the request of the clergymen themselves. We do not think in the present instance that Mr. Embree should take the reply of Mr. Marshall too seriously. A "reply" was naturally to be expected from some members of the Catholic church; the JOURNAL in fairness must give both sides a hearing, but we do not propose to allow a religious war to be carried on through this paper in the annoyances of a large majority of its readers.

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Unity Concert.

Attend the concert at Unity church Friday evening, and hear Mrs. Charles Glead, Miss Hollister, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Shiver and Mr. Moore. The programme is one of unusual merit, and you don't miss hearing it. Admission 25 cents.

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## BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

War in the Orphans' Home Worse Than Ever.

## ONE LADY IS HARSHLY ACCUSED

Or Taking Clothing Belonging to the Home—A Story of the Intermittent Quarrel Told by an Eye Witness.

There is again trouble among the membership of the Topeka Orphans' Home association, that has resulted in Mrs. J. G. Wood requesting that her name be stricken from the roll of members, and the possibility that others may follow her example.

It was said that when Mrs. Dr. S. Sheldon retired from office all would be peaceful at the meetings of the members of the Home, but these anticipations have not been realized.

The difficulty is over the clothing that was sent to the Orphans' home during the holidays. This clothing which was mostly for babies and small children, was turned over to Poor Commissioner Hale. Mrs. Wood happened to know of a very destitute family living in the country and she went to the poor commissioner to get some suitable clothing for them. Mr. Hale told her to help herself out of a barrel of clothing that was there. Mrs. Wood said she did not know that it was Orphans' home clothing, and she took as much as she could carry in one hand.

In a few days Mrs. Wood received the following letter from Mrs. Howell Jones, the chairman of the clothing committee of the home:

Dear MADAM: Reliable information has come to the clothing committee of the Topeka Orphans' Home association from the office of Poor Commissioner Hale, that many of the articles of clothing sent to him by the association to be distributed by him to the city and county poor have been taken from his office by you. The charge is an ugly one against you as you had no right to a single article of clothing and had no authority from the home to take it. I will write my report on clothing to be read at the next regular meeting January 15th. If you have anything you wish entered concerning the taking of these clothes I will see you tomorrow morning or Friday morning at eleven. Very truly,

Mrs. HOWELL JONES,  
Chairman T. O. H. Clothing Committee.

It is said that several other members of the Home, Mrs. Ely, an ex-president of the Home, among the number, got similar letters.

The meeting of the lady managers in the parlors of the Home last Monday was a stormy one. When Mrs. Jones had made her report, in substance containing the same charges made in the letter, Mrs. Wood arose and asked what she meant by the word "ugly." Mrs. Jones replied that the charge was ugly because she had taken clothing that belonged to the Home to give to her son's namesake, Mrs. Wood, without waiting to make a report.

"I was very much shocked to receive the incriminating letter," said Mrs. Wood to-day. "The other ladies who got letters to the same effect were greatly surprised, for none of them had received any clothing from the poor commissioner. During the holidays 250 pieces were sent to the Orphans' home by the charitable people of Topeka. The woman in charge thought it was too much trouble to sort it out and make use of it, so the whole amount was stuffed into a barrel and sent to Poor Commissioner Hale to dispose of. No doubt many people who donated to the Home will be shocked to learn how their gifts were abused.

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